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Re: September 30, 1998 Notice Letter -
LCP Chemicals, Inc. Superfund Site

Dear Mr. Sundram:

This letter responds to Mr. Richard Caspe's September 28, 1998 Notice Letter to Mr. William Lichtenberger, CEO of Praxair, Inc.

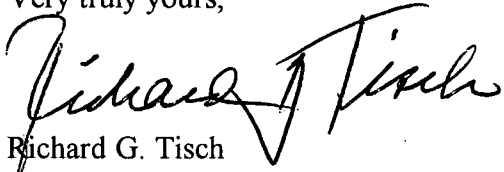
In a June 12, 1998 letter to Richard Ho, USEPA, Mr. Nicholas DiFranco responded to USEPA's May 14, 1998 information request to Liquid Carbonic Industries Corp. (LCIC), acquired by Praxair, Inc. in 1996. That response stated that LCIC had operated a carbon dioxide distribution terminal on leasehold property owned by LCP Chemicals, Inc. from April 1988 until October 1994. This response also stated that Praxair, Inc. has no knowledge of LCIC's purchase, generation, handling, use, storage, disposal, or handling of hazardous substances, hazardous wastes or CERCLA waste material at or from this leasehold.

In a May 5, 1998 letter to Richard Ho, USEPA, Mr. DiFranco responded to USEPA's February 27, 1998 information request to Praxair, Inc. He stated that Union Carbide's Linde Division operated a hydrogen filling and repackaging plant from 1957 to 1990 on leased property owned by LCP Chemicals, Inc. During dismantling of the hydrogen facility beginning in 1987, Union Carbide engaged in extensive investigation and remediation in accordance with the Environmental Cleanup Responsibility Act and the Industrial Site Recovery Act. Completion of the remedial activities by Praxair, Inc., which acquired Union Carbide's industrial gases business in a spin-off in 1992, was accomplished in 1995. After the expenditure of hundreds of thousands of dollars and several years of cleanup work by a subsidiary of Praxair, Inc., the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection issued a No Further Action letter under ECRA/ISRA on June 20, 1995 to Linde Gases of the Mid-Atlantic, a wholly owned subsidiary of Praxair.

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In consideration of the above circumstances, Praxair, Inc. believes it is not liable for any response actions at the LCP Chemicals, Inc. Superfund site and declines to finance or perform the Remedial Investigation or the Feasibility Study for the Site.

Very truly yours,

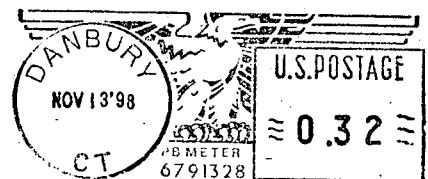


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